

AUDIO/VISUAL DEVICE FOR CAPTURING, SEARCHING AND/OR DISPLAYING AUDIO/VISUAL MATERIAL

Abstract of the Disclosure

An audio/visual (A/V) device, such as a DVD player, assists a user in finding desired programming from among DVD programs, conventional broadcast television (TV) programs and World Wide Web transmitted programs. The programs contain close caption (CC) and A/V content. The A/V device captures and stores the CC and/or A/V content either for current or later manual use by the user or concurrent automatic searching for desired program content or information. Text-based searching is performed on the CC content for a match with user-specified textual search criteria. The audio content is searched for either a change that indicates a change in programming or a match with user-specified audio search criteria. A video still image is captured from the video content for manual viewing or automatic comparison to a desired image. The A/V device also presents the information, including the A/V content, captured CC content and search results, on either a conventional TV or higher resolution progressive monitor.